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Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government are going to introduce the trawler system of fishing boats to help the fishermen and enable them to earn money? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, Government have been considering that."

Sri S. T. ADITYAN :—" Sir, will the Government publish a statement as to what this trawler system has so far done and what is the result? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If the hon. Member will put a separate question, I shall answer it by placing a note on the table of the House."

Deep-sea fishing.

* 1898-B *Q.*—Sri C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenditure incurred in securing the services of one Mr. Paul Ziener for suggesting improvements in deep-sea fishing;

(*b*) the suggestions so far made by him; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of this report on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 5,382–8–0 towards payment of local living costs to Mr. P. Ziener, Food and Agricultural Organization, Naval Architect, who was on assignment in this State during the calendar year 1954.

" (*b*) (i) The expert designed and built a proto-type deep-sea fishing boat for use on the East and West Coasts of this State.

(ii) He also designed and built a motorised surf boat or beach landing craft which could replace the conventional catamaran.

(iii) He has recommended that the Tuticorin type of fishing canoes may be mechanised.

" (*c*) Apart from making studies and recommendations, the expert has not submitted any reports."

Labour dispute in Moidu Rubber Estate, Walluvanad.

* 1898-I *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any labour dispute in the Moidu Rubber Estate in Walluvanad, Malabar, in January 1955;

(*b*) the causes of the dispute; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken to settle the same?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The workers of the Moidu Rubber Estate were not paid the minimum wages.

" (*c*) The Labour Officer, Kozhikode, conducted conciliation in the matter and the dispute was settled amicably."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, even after the settlement of the dispute some of the workers were discharged from that estate. Have the Government received any representation from the Estate workers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think that Government have received any representation to my knowledge after the conciliation was effected."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether in implementing an award conciliation is necessary? If the Industrial Tribunal has passed any award, it is the duty of the management to carry it out. If the management has not implemented the award, it is the duty of the Government to see that the person is prosecuted or direct him to implement the award. May I know what action the Government have taken in this case, even though they had received a report that the management did not implement the award? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Even in the matter of implementation of an award, certain disputes arise and the Labour Officer intervenes and seeks to conciliate and thus the disputes are settled and the award is implemented. But if it is the view of the hon. Member that there should be no attempt at conciliation, that the Labour Officer should do nothing and that the Government should prosecute the persons who are found not to have implemented the award, I am afraid Government cannot agree with that view."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, if an award is given that a worker should be given Rs. 1–8–0 daily, then management will have to carry out that award. There is no necessity for any conciliation. Even the Labour Officer cannot make a conciliation. I do not understand the answer given by the Hon. Minister. It is not as if I am against conciliation. In this particular case, there was no necessity for conciliation. Does it not therefore mean that the Government are encouraging the management not to implement the award? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" In 1954, the Special Industrial Tribunal for Plantations, Coimbatore, fixed the minimum wages of Grade I workers at Rs. 1–7–0 a day as an interim increase to be given to labour. It is reported that the management also raised the wages but only up to Rs. 1–5–0. The workers alleged that in January 1955 the wages were suddenly reduced to Re. 1–2–0. Consequently there was a partial strike. These were matters which had to

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be looked into and therefore the Labour Officer had to intervene. Sometimes disputes arise even regarding the interpretation of an award.''

Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—'' The management paid the workers Rs. 1–7–0 only after the conciliation was effected. Will the Government see that the back wages from the date of the award are also paid? There are many estates in Malabar where the minimum wages are not paid. Will the Government make an enquiry into that and see that minimum wages are paid? ''

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Regarding other concerns, if the workers would only draw the attention of the Government, they will look into the matter. Here, in this case, according to the settlement, the management agreed to see that the workers in future got a minimum wage of Rs. 1–7–0 daily and the workers who went on strike agreed to resume work from 27th January 1955.''

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' When an award is given, the duty of the Government or the Department is to see that it is executed. Of course, I agree that interpretation might be put on an award by the Department or Government, but does that interpretation mean that conciliation must be effected? ''

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, if there is an award and if the management does not implement it and if it is the contention of the hon. Member that the Labour Officer should not even implement it, then I cannot agree with him.''

Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—'' ஸார், தொழில் கோர்ட்டுத் தீர்ப்புக்குப் பிறகு சில முதலாளிகள் அந்தத் தீர்ப்பை சாதாரணமாக அமுல் நடத்துவதில்லை. சமரசத்திற்கு அனுப்புவது வழக்கமாக இருந்தாலும்கூட பிறகு தொழிலாளிகள் அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரிவித்தால் அப்படி அமுல் நடத்தாத முதலாளிகளை பிராசிக்கூட் செய்வதற்கு உடனடியாக இந்த அரசாங்கம் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன் ? ''

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' அவார்ட் கொடுத்த பிறகு அதை அமுல் நடத்தாவிட்டால் முதலாளிகள் மீது பிராசிக்கூஷன் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் உத்தரவு போட்டு பிராசிக்கூஷனும் செய்துகொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' Now, we shall take up the other questions in their order.''

Tuberculosis Relief Society.

* 1871 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Malabar District Tuberculosis Relief Society has been formed as directed by the Government Memorandum No. 47856/53-3-L., Health, dated 29th September 1953 ;

(*b*) if so, who are the members of the governing body of the new society ;